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CREDIT UNION GEARS TO WAR ECONOMY

Despite a declining loan volume, net income of the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union in 1944 was about \$1,240 compared with \$730 for 1943, the board of directors reported to approximately 100 members attending the annual meeting on Thursday, January 18.

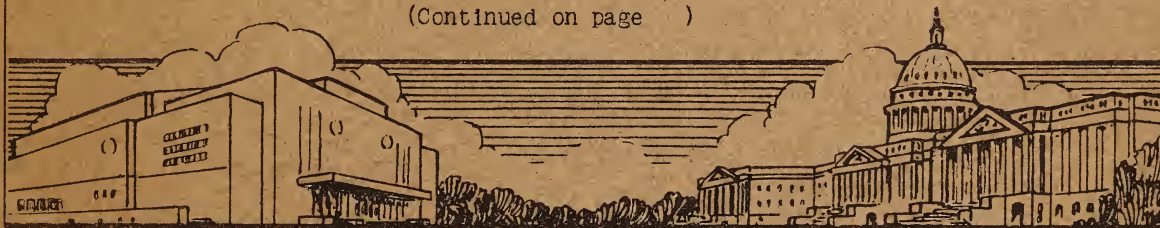
These net savings resulted largely from the Credit Union's program of the past year in gearing its operating expenses to the wartime decline in loans and a smaller number of members. The biggest item in cutting expenses came by employing a part-time assistant treasurer which resulted in a decrease of \$570 in expenses in the year.

Notable was the fact that although the loan volume at the year's end was 26 percent less than on December 31, 1943, interest on loans and investments for the year totaled only \$8.57 less than in 1943.

While the number of members went from 559 to 484 in the year, share balances increased over \$900. About a third of the money in these share balances is invested in U. S. Bonds of \$17,000 compared with \$8,000 at the end of 1943.

Because of an additional \$500 in gains from Washington loans the undivided profits account on December 31 totaled \$1,720.

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Editorial Staff

Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA.

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To conserve the Grapevine paper stock, please place your copies of the Grapevine in your out-box after you have finished reading it. Two hundred copies are needed for mailing to FCA men and women in the service.

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TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

January 23

12:15 and 1:00 p.m.

THE ROAD TO PARIS

Highlights in the Normandy campaign from D Day to General De Gaulle's entry into Paris.

and

NEW ZEALAND

FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



New FCA Employee to Service:

Marvin Eugene Davis

TOTAL 229

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lt. Col. H. H. Hendricks, (Hdqtrs. Adv. Sect. #3, APO #689, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.) It is rather difficult to find words to express my appreciation for the bountiful package which arrived from you today, Christmas Eve. Each item was heartily welcomed.

There is nothing here to identify Xmas from any other day of the year as work, progress, and battle offensives go steadily and certainly on. We are truly on the road to Mandalay; the Japs are slowly but surely being driven from Burma, and it is the hope and prayer of each of us that it will not be too long before we may return victorious to our loved ones and friends.

Thanks a million for the present, but most of all for being remembered by such a swell bunch of friends. My best wishes for the best of everything for each of you in the New Year.

Lt. (jg) Gordon O. Finley, (USNR, Box 261, Fishers Island, New York.) Express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Club Board and Committee responsible for the nice Christmas remembrance I received about the 20th of December. It certainly brought back fond memories of the Club, its activities, and the board. I miss the Club work as I liked it very much and wish I had had more time to devote to it.

Capt. E. N. Cake, (War Department, 316 Realty Building, Jacksonville, Florida.) Thanks very much for the nice Christmas package. It reached me in ample time for the celebration. Since I am one of the lucky service men still in this country, and able to have their family with them, Mrs. Cake and the four little cookies helped me enjoy the candy and so forth. I still receive the Grapevine regularly and enjoy it.

T/S Peter Massara, (33095736, 2698 Tech. Supv. Regt. (P.M.) APO 782, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York) Santa Claus has been good enough to give me my Farm Credit Xmas package even though I had a change of address about 3 weeks ago. I have been getting quite a few packages, but there is always something that you don't receive. The fruit cake is the first one I received.

Sunny Italy is not a place to be this time of the year, although we have had no snow the weather has been cold enough for it. I hope that by this time next year hostilities will have ceased and we are back where we belong, in God's country.

Thank you all again for the package.

Mary I. Kindred, (Sic(Y), Box 45, U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn.) Just a note to let you know how much I appreciated the box the Club sent. Food is a wonderful gift for service people. The committee deserves a great deal of commendation for the work they did.

Work here is very interesting and enjoyable. Have seen some real New England blizzards, and am not comforted by the warnings that I "ain't seen nothing yet!"

Again, my thanks for the gift, and my best wishes to all.

Ruby Young, (Y3c, U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn.)

For your gift which brought

Such a heap of good cheer,

"Thank you a Lot!"

And "A Happy New Year!"

T. O. Province, (Y3c, C.G. Barracks (Spar) 940 Sutter-Rm. 609, San Francisco, California.) I received a very nice surprise a few days ago in the form of a Christmas package which had followed me from Palm Beach out here, where I am

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Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Stephen Lindsay Clarke, born on January 9 at St. Joseph Hospital, accounts for the prideful look now worn by Earl Clarke... Two departing FCA'ers, "Pat" Ross and Clarence Jump, have accepted positions with the Smaller War Plants Corporation in Kansas City... Bill Durluo was called to Georgia because of the sudden illness of his mother... J. L. Wilkinson has returned from a short business trip to Tennessee... A week end was spent by Margaret Keating at her home in Trenton, Mo... Pvt. Vencil Ward, on a 3 days' pass from Camp Fannin, Tex., greeted FCA friends... Baby Sharon McLeish, in the arms of her mother, Maxine, was the recent object of admiration in the office... Frances Harrison traveled to Fort Benning, Ga., to spend a week with her husband who was on furlough before departing for overseas' duty... Pay Roll Unit welcomes newcomer Nancy Lewis.

Cooperative. S. D. Sanders has received word that his son, Glenn, with the Tank Corps in Germany, has received a battle commission as second lieutenant... N. E. Barker of Revolving Fund Section, who arrived from Memphis, was a week's visitor in the office.

Economic & Credit Research. Welcome to Dr. Russell Engberg, formerly director of research in Omaha, who has taken

over the reins of our division... Lt. Charles Lane on leave dropped in to say hello... On January 2 at a beautiful wedding at the Redemptorist Church, Lorine Waechter became the bride of Charles Liebst.

Examination. Isabel McGinnis entertained at dinner a former Spanish classmate, Minnie Pike, of Anahuac, D. F., Mexico... Our sympathy to Mrs. V. A. Bixler on the recent death of her mother.

Finance & Accounts. Erma Dinger is spending a few days in Hartford, Conn., on a personal business trip... "Babe" Eufinger dropped in to greet friends while on leave from the Navy... Following an emergency appendectomy at St. Joseph Hospital, we learn that Mrs. Walt Reeker is rapidly recovering... Eleanor Neff is a welcome newcomer to Securities Section... Helen Goswellen is recovering from a fractured right wrist following a fall on the 13th Street steps... A nephew of Nora Reynolds has been appointed to Annapolis by Senator Clyde Reed... A high of 10 blood donations has been reached by Helen Mc Cabe... Vacationists John Nordstrom and family are in Illinois... Gladys Rovillo from Typing Unit is a new member of Securities Section... Our sympathy to Carolyn Sorrell on the death of her brother and to Delta Vaughn on the death of her nephew.

General Files. Kansas Citians were elated when Deane Ruth confessed in a letter of thanks for a gift of "Ave Marie" cologne that it was impossible to purchase this cologne in

Washington, D. C...Pauly Ball enjoyed a reunion with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Milner, and her soldier husband who had just returned from overseas' duty...We hear that Glen Burrington is now stationed in Camp Benning, Ga., where he is taking advanced training in mechanics...Aileene Bashford is at work after recovering from a serious cold...Alvina Preinkert's vacation in Washington, D.C., has been prolonged because of illness...Ellis Short, on a 3 days' pass, in Kansas City, phoned in a hello...New Year's Eve at a USO club in Seattle, Wash., spent enlivening the evening with piano music for the boys is described by Nadine Jones, S 1/c, in an interesting letter to Mary Freeze.

Governor's Office. Mary Lou Vance parted from FCA on January 15 with a shower of well wishes for happiness in her marriage to Thomas Millisack, which will occur on January 20 at the Christ Methodist Church in Denver. Gifts of co-workers to Mary Lou included pieces of china and individual salt and pepper shakers...Aline Foster from Finance and Accounts Division is detailed to Cliff Woodward's office.

Land Bank. Lucille Holmes journeyed to Lincoln, Nebr., for a visit with her brother who was home on furlough...Much improved after an illness, John Smith spent a short period in his office...Louise Plack spent a couple of days at home caring for her daughter who was ill...Joseph Munroe was on sick leave for several days...A weekend was spent by

Ann Wilson at her home in Altamont, Mo. ...Ernest Diebel, recently returned from military service to his former position as chief of the NFLA Section, reports that Mrs. Diebel is improving from a recent illness and has been released from the hospital.

Library. Lucille Achauer writes enthusiastically of her life and work in Albuquerque, N. Mex., adding that a visit with the J. R. Isleibs, who arrived to visit their son, Jim, on Christmas Day, made home seem not quite so remote...New Year's Day was celebrated by the staff with a pot-luck lunch, with two guests, Julia Norton from Classification Unit, and one of FCA's eligible bachelors, Martin Planting, who repeatedly sampled the cake...Bernice Nilson week-ended in Emporia, Kansas., with her future "in-laws."

Mortgage Corporation Service. Rudy Havelka departed for the Capitol City on January 13 where he expects to be employed.

Personnel. A recent visitor to see Cliff Goodson was Chief Yeoman John Nault from Wichita FCA...A lovely picture of Ensign Catherine Bellas has been received by Classification Unit...Ruth Biggerstaff is wearing a diamond on the correct finger but it's still a secret who the lucky man is...Corrine Matter, recently departed from FCA to Kansas, arrived from Wichita for a visit on a recent Saturday...Margaret Olsen has returned from a Washington, D. C.,

vacation...A week end was spent by Elinor Mitchell in St. Joe, Mo...Jerry Lloyd and Mary Balsiger refreshed their memories on ballet with an evening at the "Ballet Russe."

Production Credit. Following a week's illness in Research Hospital, Emma Lou Peake departed for Florida where she will accept a position near her home in Winter Haven. Girls of the division visited Emma Lou in the hospital, presenting her with an album of her favorite recordings, and afterwards were entertained by Persis Gray at her apartment. ...Lorraine Lagergren week-ended with her parents near Excelsior Springs, Mo. ...Bernie Uhlenhop is on an extended field trip to the Columbia district.

Purchase & Supply. The third finger, left hand, of Mary Feeley glistens with a new diamond, the gift of Eugene Terry stationed at the Olathe, Kans., Naval Air Base, the romance resulting from a meeting in Federal Crop Insurance Corporation 3 years ago...Ensign Kenneth Caldwell dropped in for a surprise visit while en route to his home in Ames, Iowa...A box of candy "made by the little woman" was a recent treat of Torrence Cease...Harvey O'Bannon's sergeant brother, Walter, is presently stationed in Aberdeen, Md...A recent interesting letter received from Ronald Foreman, stationed in the Philippines, contained a bit of Japanese paper money which he added "couldn't even buy a short beer."

Solicitor's Office. Returning travelers from official business trips include E. Anthony from Louisville, Robert Brownell from Washington, D. C., and John Lee from St. Paul...Anne Berkson spent a week's vacation entertaining a certain private first class from West Palm Beach, Fla...Harriet Dodds from Stenographic Section is on detail in Long-Term Credit Division...Jean Sutter visited her family in Fairbury, Ill., where she was reunited with her sailor brother who had just returned from a 2 years' "shake-down" cruise in South America...Members of the office gathered in E. Anthony's office during the luncheon period for a bit of New Year's sociability which was highlighted by Ray Mischler's rendition of "Everything's Up to Date in Kansas City" and Bob Brownell's reading of "The Face on the Bar Room Floor." The party closed with the group singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Tabulating. Carroll Thomson has returned to her desk following recovery from a recent appendectomy...Mildred Farrow was a nurse's aide graduate on January 14 in a ceremony at the St. Paul Episcopal Church.

Telephone. Helen Baughman has returned from a vacation with her mother in Oklahoma...Catherine Donnelly, who was in St. Joseph Hospital during a short illness, has returned to her desk...The Emmanuel Lutheran Church was the scene of an interesting wedding on December 15 when Irene Ellefson became the bride of

A/S Norbert Grieger, stationed at Douglas Field, Ariz...Lennie Young battled the flu for several days at home.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

CR&S & Liaison staff are having a get-together luncheon on January 6. In response to the Blood Donor Campaign the liaison office came through with flying colors. First time donors - Helen Johnston and Helen Krentzlin - third time - L. N. Conyers, B. F. Viehmann, and Lacey Rickey - while Anita Cline made her second - but now she's enroute to Florida to absorb some sunshine so she can give again! CR&S welcomes Maxine Lehman from KC and Dr. Martin Abrahamson from University of West Virginia. C. G. Randell is getting ready to dash off to Columbia about January 24 - has been learning Spanish and now can fluently say "Si, Si!"...Giff Hoag reports that he saw Jack Fowler (now at Defense Supply Corp.) who said that his first night of bowling "ducks" looked so easy after the KC 10-pins that he rolled a 373 set - but has since come down to earth and has a 106 average...John S. Kennedy dropped in the Washington office to say hello while holidaying in D. C....Nell Mellott writes that she spent Christmas in Birmingham, Alabama.

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SKETCH CLASS

Now that the holidays are over, we can again settle down to some real sketching. Class meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in Room 1345-E. Miss Grace Stoke, new

chairman, invites interested newcomers. Contact her for information regarding classes.

(VWG)

FCA GIRLS TURN DRESSMAKERS

Have you seen that striking green hat with two pheasant feathers and a matching purse that one FCA girl is sporting? "Frederick creations," you exclaim! Yet they cost only \$1.35. An attractive red blouse that retailed for \$24.95 was copied by an FCA'er with nimble fingers for \$3.49, tax included.

One suit, every inch a Vogue creation - an exclusive Kansas City shop has its twin for \$125 - believe it or not, cost less than \$20 for material, buttons, thread, etc. A print jersey dress with intricate details characteristic of an exclusive designer (you know the one - price \$100 and up) was made for \$7.90.

These are just a few of the large dividends the forty future Schiaparellis attending two sewing classes have received on their time and investment, to say nothing of the kick they get out of designing everything from suits to undies. Meetings are held at the Y.W.C.A. one night each week. Mrs. R.H. Wolfe, the instructor, has charge of the alteration department in one of Kansas City's large stores. Her experience and original ideas are a big help.

New classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. start

January 29. Tuition is \$3 for 12 weeks. If you want to be smartly dressed, yet stay within your budget, call or see Helen McCabe, Room 2260-H. Classes are limited to 20 members, and registration is closed when that number is reached.
(HMcC)

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SOME GOOD LISTENING ON YOUR RADIO

Members interested in worth-while books should turn their dials to 580, station WIBW, Topeka, on Sunday mornings at 10:30 to hear the discussions on Invitation to Learning. Books that will be discussed by eminent literary critics during the winter and spring months include Forsythe Sagaby Galsworthy, Memoirs by Casanova, Satires by Juvenal, Commentaries by Blackstone, Poems by Vachel Lindsay, Poems by Edgar Allen Poe, Anna Karenina by Tolstoy, Spy by Cooper, and Short Stories by de Maupassant. A complete list of the schedule may be obtained from Jeanne Walkup in the Club library.

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SPEAKERS' CLUB STARTS FEBRUARY 2

The last regular session of the Public Speaking Class will be held on Friday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, 2203. By unanimous agreement the members of the class will carry on as a Speakers Club, meeting every other Friday evening starting February 2. Individual members of the club will take turns in presiding as chairman and introducing the speakers. Another member

on each Friday evening will serve as critic and comment helpfully on each of the speeches.

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WE'RE SORRY TOO!

We regret that the candy machines had to be removed from the clubroom and lobby, but due to the inability to obtain candy in sufficient quantity and quality to meet the demands of all industries, the distributors found it necessary to discontinue service to those with low priority ratings. When good candy is again plentiful the machines will be returned for our use.

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STAMP BUYERS - NOTE!

Stamps will continue to be available at the Receptionist's desk, but only between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 12 m. on Saturday. Your cooperation is invited and appreciated.

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Reporters and Contributors, Attention: News for the next issue of the GRAPEVINE is due January 27. Please be on time!

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First sergeant: "Stand up straight, throw your shoulders back, and button up your coat."
Married recruit (absent-mindedly):
"Yes, dear."

SERVICE MEN'S NEWS

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presently stationed. It arrived in good condition and the candy, nuts, cigarettes, and fruitcake were much appreciated. So my thanks to all the nice people at Farm Credit who remembered me at Christmas - it really means a lot.

Lt. Ross W. Hansen, (USMCR, Hdq. MAG 35, MCAS, El Centro, Calif.) Thanks to the Farm Credit Club for the Christmas box. It was enjoyed very much. Also had two Grapevines waiting for me when I arrived.

John Cordell Jeffers, (Y3C, Adm. Com. Phibs. Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.) I received your thoughtful gift. It was grand to have something that was handled by the people you know and remember. Aside from the sheer joy of the Christmas package is the greater joy of the mental pictures which crowd one's mind on such an occasion as the receipt of such a token.

This Christmas has indeed been a most fortunate one for me. Instead of the drear surroundings shared by so many I was fortunate enough to have dinner in a most delightful home located in Honolulu. The guests were most cosmopolitan and the trend of the conversation would have interested every one of you.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

NEW SERVICE ADDRESSES

(Change your directory, or add to it)

Sgt. W. T. Armbruster 37219195 Sta. Hospital Ser. M. A.A.A.F. Alexandria,	Pvt. Harry K. Dellinger, Sr. 37729180 Hq. and Hq. Co. 17th Replacement Depot APO 873, c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.
Sgt. W. H. Balderson 33182770, 493 Bomb Sq. 7th Bomb Gp., APO 217 c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.	Pvt. LaVeta Dexter 773421, Depot of Sup. U.S. Marine Corps 100 Harrison Street San Francisco, Calif.
Ensign Mary Catherine Bellas, USNR 417469 Officer Personnel Officer Distr. Div. 832 S. Irving Street Arlington, Va.	Pvt. Esther C. Dickson A-100699, APO 7710 c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif.
Sgt. Ira E. Bird A-409686 Sec. G - WAC Section Homestead Army Air Field Homestead, Florida	Pvt. Kenneth W. Epperson, 37539838 Co. A, 732 Rwy. Homestead Army Air Field Operations Bn. APO 562, c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.
Cpl. Herman Brody 34 S.C.U. Hq. Sq. 5AAF APO 710, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif.	Reinholdt J. Eufinger, A/S, Co. 1980 U.S.N.T.C. Great Lakes, Ill.
Pvt. Glenn Burrington 20th Co. 1st Student Training Regt. Ft. Benning, Georgia	S/Sgt. William Finley 17129123 Section A.D.A.A.F Dalkart, Texas
Cpl. Geo. T. Cairl ASN 33197637 Co. A, 83rd Chemical Motor Bn., APO 758 c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.	Lt. (J.G.) Gertrude E. Foerster, Navy M.R. and D.A., 342 Madison Ave. New York 17, N.Y.
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1st Lt. James B. Craighill, Judge Adv. Sec., Hq. Ninth Army APO 339, c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.	Sgt. Clifford Gaumer 389th Signal Co. APO 234, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif.

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Pvt. R. S. Hendee
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WAC Det. S. U. 1741
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Prewitt, O-779996
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Dayton, Ohio

Pfc. John K. Smith
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Co. C 147th Engineer
(C) Bn
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Kenneth Whitaker, S1/c
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CREDIT UNION GEARS TO WAR ECONOMY

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After listening to the report which showed the Credit Union in an exceptionally sound financial position and earnings higher than anticipated, the members voted a dividend of 3 percent on all shares outstanding December 31, 1943, which will use about \$1,300 of the undivided profits leaving an undisturbed balance of \$420.

Directors elected at the meeting were Lyle Young, J.B. Muller, Jr., Russell M. Castello, Dorothy Dyhrberg, and John P. Markey. Holdover directors are George Olson, Walter Hein, Julia Connor, and Lowell Collins. A.A. Goldman was reelected on the Supervisory Committee to serve with L. A. Wallace and Fred Ganley, new members of the committee. Donald A. Russell was elected

a new member of the Credit Committee, and Paul L. Rapp and Gardner P. Walker were reelected to serve with Kathryn Delany and Linus Gardner holdover members of the Committee.

CLUB ROOM NOTES

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During the past year several members have donated worth-while books to the Club library. If you have such books cluttering up your shelves or your attic, why not bring them down to the Club room some noon hour and add them to the Club's collection.

In response to a suggestion from one of our members, the Club expects before very long to obtain a free subscription to the Christian Science Monitor. Members are again reminded that the library committee at all times welcomes suggestions for the acquisition of books, periodicals, and records.

During the past 3 months book deliveries have been unusually slow, because publishers had in many cases exhausted their supply of paper before the end of the year. Some 25 books ordered by the library committee for the Club had not been received on January 15; but as additional supplies of paper become available, we should soon catch up with our outstanding book orders.

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The January 1945 issue of the Consumers' Research Bulletin contains an interesting article on "What Can You Spend for

Postwar Housing?" The same issue contains interesting articles on nail lacquers and removers, tomato juice, dog foods, winter motor oils, and photographic films. This bulletin may be read in the Club library any day from 12 to 2 p.m. The library also has a complete file of Consumers' Research Bulletins through the years 1943 and 1944. Consult the librarian for further information concerning this service to consumers.

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BRIDGE TOURNAMENT STARTED ON JANUARY 16

Eighteen hopeful bridge players reported in the Club room at 7 o'clock on January 9 to discuss plans for a winter bridge tournament. The group decided to divide the tournament into two parts, each comprising 6 Tuesday night sessions from 7 until 9:30 p.m. A small entry fee will be charged for each of the two tournaments, and prizes will be awarded at the end of the sixth session in each instance. As entries have not been closed, interested members may still sign up with Lorraine Meuers as regular players or as substitutes. Another tournament will begin about February 27.

LAST CALL FOR BRUSH CREEK HIKE

In spite of the spring-like weather last Sunday, a light sprinkle of rain just before starting time scared off FCA's fair-weather hikers. So the leader and his shadow paced the trail

in the warm sunshine without the company of a single mincing maid.

The hike along Brush Creek to Fairway and return will be repeated on Sunday, January 28, for the last time - RAIN, SHINE, SNOW, or HAIL. Group will meet before the Plaza Theatre, 47th and Wyandotte, at 2 p.m. sharp. Wear comfortable shoes with low heels and galoshes, if necessary.

1944 WIND-UP! HAIL 1945!

The beginning of 1945 marks a six-months' active existence of the Women's Choral Group.

Since its inception, the group has made six public appearances in addition to the Wednesday noon concerts.

An impromptu performance consisting of "Auld Lang Syne" and "Swing Lo Sweet Chariot" was given at the going-away party for Mr. Snow.

December 21 found the group at the Kansas City Canteen, and a December 25 issue of the Kansas City Times mentioned the choral group as performing for GI entertainment at the canteen on Christmas Eve, an encore appearance.

At the Farm Credit Christmas party they sang "Adeste Fidellis," a parody on "Jingle Bells" written by Amy Karine Barstad, and several traditional Christmas carols. Additions to the chorus for the program were Mary Nolz, Elma Muller, Melba Cooper, Dorothy Owens, and Mildred Schmeltz. Pat Ross accompanied.

The new year 1945 had an auspicious beginning. They sang at the Kansas City Rebekah Installation on January 4th. In appreciation the Rebekahs presented the singers with gifts.

They sang also for the graduation of the Red Cross nurses' aides (which included a number of F. C. A. girls) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on January 14th. The Wednesday noon concerts will be resumed January 24th. Mr. Rapp will play some new records..

(IJB)

HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

Several months ago questionnaires regarding Club activities were distributed among the members. As a result of this questionnaire Club-sponsored activities - educational and recreational - have been organized and enjoyed by those who are interested. The report brought to light also "things about the Club which are liked, suggestions for improvement, and pet gripes."

Judging from the remarks under the above topics, the Clubroom and the library are the outstanding contributions to all members. The Grapevine received many favorable comments, and so did the hobby show. One member apparently put much thought in his answers as he listed his likes:

"First: The spirit of the Club - helpful, wholesome, and progressive.

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Home Service News



When the Red Cross Nurses' Aide chairman addressed the thirty-eight graduate aides at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sunday, January 14, two FCA girls, Dorothy Dick and Mildred Farrow were among the group who received certificates and pins. They will be seen sporting their nurse's caps at General Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital, respectively. An added feature of the graduation program was the presentation of two selections by the Farm Credit Choral Group.

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Two more Farm Credit girls, Marie Wassenberg and Catherine Hardy, have joined the Red Cross Motor Corps. Experienced members, Alma Franklin and Delta Vaughn, were among those who received instructions in driving the new bus recently donated to the Red Cross.

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY'S CALENDAR

As I walked quickly along the street to office my thoughts were filled with the story of Pfc Mike O'Rourke, just told to me by my chaplain friend.

It was the story of a fighting son who died because that extra pint of blood

was not available when he needed it. There had been only enough to revive him for a fleeting moment's memory of home and loved ones, but not enough to bring him back to that home. This was my fault, I accused myself, and I made a quick decision. I turned my steps resolutely toward the Red Cross, and in a spirit of humble gratefulness offered my first blood donation. (CD)

BACK UP A WINNING TEAM!

Sure, you want to back a winner -- football or war. You have been doing this with war work, with salvage, and with War Savings Bonds. In fact, you have been doing a magnificent job of helping to win the war - up to now.

But now that victory seems assured - now what? Now, more than ever, we must back up those who are fighting to make that victory sure and doubly sure. There can be no relaxing - no letting up in our war bond buying. Don't stop until you have invested to the very limit. Our fighting men will not stop, you can depend on that!

Back up the winning team - until the final shot. You can't lose with war bonds; so get on the payroll savings team. If you have not yet made an allotment or if you wish to increase your present allotment, ask your minute-man for a payroll authorization card today.

KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS

Club Room Notes



In one of his recent columns in the Sunday New York Times, J. Donald Adams wrote that "Too many readers of fiction fall into the habit of consigning themselves to read only what is new.* * * The need for a balanced ration is obvious enough, but like so many obvious truths it bears reiteration." Then Mr. Adams goes on to quote from Gordon Hall Gerould's recent volume on "How to Read Fiction" as follows:

"Every generation makes something different of the fiction of the past, though it finds the most important elements unchanging; but every generation requires a fresh solution for the riddle of earth. It would be a serious mistake to neglect one or the other. By reading the fiction of the past we not only get human nature in a fair perspective, but we develop taste which may be exercised when we turn to the work of our contemporaries. Here we find embodied the special problems and special preoccupation of our own time, its humors and distresses, and we respond with eager interest to what we read. If authors of exceptional insight and imagination happen to appear, we catch aspects of truth of peculiar value to ourselves. There is every reason why today's fiction

should appeal to us, no reason why yesterday's should be ignored."

Members of the Farm Credit Club may borrow from its circulating library for little or nothing Mr. Gerould's interesting discussion of "How to Read Fiction" which can easily be read in one evening. The Club library also maintains a complete selection from current fiction and nonfiction as well as reprints of well-known classics, both English and foreign in good translations.

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New books recently received in the Club library include:

THE BIBLE AND THE COMMON READER by
Mary Ellen Chase
FOR LOVE ALONE by Christine Stead
YANKEE STRANGER by D. F. Thane
LOST WALTZ by Berlita Harding
THE GOLDEN ROOMS by Vardis Fisher
YOUNG MRS. BRAND by Robert Hichens
ESCAPE WHILE I CAN by Melba Marlett
THE STORY OF MAN'S MIND by George
Humphrey

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In order that as many members as possible may have an opportunity to read books while they are new and fresh, borrowers are requested to return these books at the end of 10 days. As a reminder that a book has become due, the Club librarian will send out a 10-day notice to each delinquent borrower in the future.

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FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

TEAM STANDINGS January 11, 1945

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Graphic	32	19	34,585
Examination	29	22	36,051
Reports	28	23	38,365
Land Bank	26	25	37,751
Short Term	26	25	34,160
Field Accounting	25	26	35,817
Caps	22	29	33,163
Accounts	16	35	31,240

RECORDS

H I G	Hein	233	H T G	Reports	855
H I S	Hein	591	H T S	Reports	2,424

AVERAGES

Menk	171-21	Hein	168-33
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FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

TEAM STANDINGS January 11, 1945

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Examination	36	15	30,229
Legal	28	23	29,468
Reports	26	25	30,671
Personnel	26	25	30,285
Audit	25	26	29,336
Purchase	24	27	27,636
F & A	23	28	29,531
Graphic	16	35	25,886

RECORDS

H T G	Personnel	721	H I G	McGee	199
H T S	Reports	2,017	H I S	McGee-Owens	500

AVERAGES

McGee	143	Ross	142	Clark	139
		Kehres	136		

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HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

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- Second: The many diverse activities designed to reach and interest each member and help each lead a fuller life.
- Third: The Grapevine - newsy notes intended to make an informed membership and serve as a bond with the 'Alumni' members serving on the battle fronts.
- Fourth: I just like the Club - that's all."

A number of the suggestions for improvement already have been tried and accepted, and a committee is studying the remaining comments to determine what additional ones can be adopted.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM OUR SERVICE FRIENDS

Cpl. Chas. G. Smith, Jr., (3772-6189 968 QM. Sv. Co., APO 508, c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.) Thank you for the swell Xmas box which arrived a couple of days ago in fine shape and I can tell you it was most welcome with the present cigarette shortage over here. It was only last year that I helped send the other boxes out and it was hard to realize how much a package from home

means at that time, but I certainly know it now and am most grateful to all of you.

I'm getting along fine and with the usual Smith methods managed to land a "gold brick" job in headquarters, but I drive a jeep quite a bit so have been lucky enough to see some of the country including the capitols of three countries. Unfortunately I haven't yet run into anyone from F.C.A. but still have hopes.

I receive the "Grapevine" regularly and read it from cover to cover. Best of luck to you all.

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S/Sgt. M. G. McBride, (WR, Hq. Sq. MCAAF, Oak Grove, New Bern, N. C.) Just a note to thank you all for the nice Xmas box. It was much appreciated. It was nice seeing a lot of old friends when I stopped by the office during the holidays. Was sorry I couldn't stay longer.

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Robert Newton Reid, Major, U.S.A., Legal Officer, 1064 Munitions Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Please pass on to other members of the Farm Credit Club my appreciation for being remembered with the fine Christmas assortment of candy, fruit cakes, and even those very scarce cigarettes. The Club and the Grapevine accomplish an admirable job of making those of us who

are away feel that we remain an important part of FCA.

As some of you know, I am legal officer for The Provost Marshal General.

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Lt. C. Pabinowitz, U.S.A., 01576532, 871st Ord. H.A.M. Co., APO 797, c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y.

From Iran he writes: It was a grand feeling I experienced when I realized that my friends in Farm Credit still remembered me. It was very kind of you to send me a Christmas gift, especially since I know that some of the gift items are no longer easy to get in the States.

At Christmastime over here there was only so much spirit in the holiday as men who have spent two years in this desert could put into it. There were more prayers than celebrations - and rightly so. But it was a holiday and we enjoyed it; and your remembrance made my holiday a better one.

Thank you very much for your kindness and your friendship, and my best wishes to you for a Happy New Year.

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Foresight is your ability to foresee into the future and prepare for it. This quality, in others, is known as hoarding.

(P.M.)